

City of Greensboro Speaker's Bureau



Organizational Development & Communications

Speaker's Bureau

the City of Greensboro Speaker's Bureau is designed to bring information about City government, services, and events to you and your organization, club, group, etc. This brochure provides you with different topics that city staff are available to speak on. In many cases, topics can be altered to fit your groups' specific needs or interests. Please give as much notice as possible to ensure that we can accommodate your request.

Topics are listed alphabetically. If your organization would like a speaker on a topic that is not listed, please call the appropriate department or the Public Information Office at 373-2105.

The Mayor and City Council members are also available to speak to citizen's groups. They will address such topics as the electoral process, the function of local government or current local political issues of general interest to the public.

Please call the City Clerk at 373-2397 for scheduling. Try to allow as much time as possible or multiple dates to select from, since Council calendars are likely to be filled in advance.

Topic: **911 Center:** Information on the operation of the city's 911 emergency center.
Contact: Donnie Burns, Police Communications Supervisor
Phone: 373-2231

Topic: **Athletics and Youth Sports:** Information on youth soccer, football, baseball and lacrosse, and ways adults can become involved in coaching these sports.
Contact: Jan Meyers, Assistant Athletics Director
Phone: 373-2794

Topic: **Bicycle & Sidewalk Planning:** Information on the plans and planning process for our current and future pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
Contact: Craig McKinney, Transportation Systems Planner
Phone: 373-4184

Topic: **Building and Electrical Inspections:** Information concerning building code requirements, especially pertaining to the electrical trade.
Contact: Dan Reynolds, Assistant Code Enforcement Manager
Phone: 412-6216

Topic: **Building Inspections:** Information concerning the evolution of building codes, building code changes and new materials, and methods of construction in the field of building construction.
Contact: Butch Simmons, Codes Enforcement Manager
Phone: 373-2512

Topic: **Building Inspections & Downtown Development:** Information concerning the evolution of building codes, building code changes and alternative methods of satisfying building codes for existing buildings.
Contact: David Jones, Chief Building Inspector
Ted Partrick, Plan Review Manager
Phone: 373-2380 / 373-2682

Topic: **Business Assistance and Development:** Information on creating, maintaining and expanding businesses and the City's role in economic development.
Contact: Tom Stapleton, Business Assistance and Development Manager
Phone: 373-2668

Topic: **Capital Improvements Program:** Information on the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP), a financing and construction plan for major projects.
Contact: Larry Davis, Budget and Evaluation Director
Phone: 373-2291

Topic: **City Annual Operating Budget:** Information on City revenues and expenditures, property tax rates and budget priorities.
Contact: Larry Davis, Budget and Evaluation Director
Phone: 373-2291

Topic: **City Arts:** Information on instruction in dance, drama, music and the visual arts offered through the City's Parks and Recreation Department is available as follows:

Arts In Education: City Arts promotes the use and practice of arts creation/discipline as a means of education, recreation, communication, understanding and growth. We generate in our participants new sustainable attitudes for the enjoyment of lifelong learning.

Contact: Mary Alice Kurr-Murphy, Director Arts in Education Programs
Phone: 373-2731

Dance Education: City Arts Dance offers a comprehensive dance program, which includes outreach and cultural diversity classes.

Contact: Juliana Topping, Dance Director
Phone: 373-2727

Drama Programs: Greensboro Children's Theatre, Livestock Players Musical Theatre, Livestock Players Youtheatre, Second Stage, Creative Drama: Quality dramatic entertainment, volunteer opportunities, and educational experiences at an affordable price to the diverse cultures and generations of Greensboro and neighboring communities.

Contact: Barbara Britton, Supervisor of City Arts Drama
Phone: 373-2728

Greensboro Playwrights Forum: A gathering of local playwrights and theatre lovers who meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Greensboro Cultural Center to discuss theatre and the craft of playwriting.

Contact: Stephen Hyers, Director
Phone: 335-6426

Music Education: Our extensive instructional program includes the Music Center's Suzuki Program, Kindermusik of Greensboro's City Arts, traditional music and instrumental study.

Contact: Susan Gallimore, Director of Education
Phone: 373-2547

Music Programs/Performing Opportunities: The Music Center presents "Music for A Sunday Evening in the Park," and "OPUS." Also provided are performing opportunities for all ages through Greensboro's community groups - the Choral Society of Greensboro, Philharmonia of Greensboro Orchestra, the Greensboro Concert Band, Greensboro Children's Chorus, Greensboro Youth Chorus, Cantabile Singers, the Greensboro Big Band and the Piedmont Trombone Guild.

Contact: Lynn Donovan, Executive Director Music Center
Phone: 373-2549

Outreach and MultiCultural Programs: Outreach efforts include collaboration with cultural and ethnic organizations, providing performance opportunities for local and regional ethnic artists, presenting ethnic art forms, organizing programs and classes to promote cultural awareness, recruiting ethnic instructors and artists and serving as a resource to community event planners.

Contact: Deborah Scales, Outreach Coordinator
Phone: 373-2044

Topic: **City Bidding Requirements and Construction Contracts**

Information concerning the City of Greensboro's bid process and construction contracts.

Contact: Keith Pugh, Facilities Engineering Manager
Phone: 373-2229

Topic: **City Building Projects:** Information on current City of Greensboro organization building projects.

Contact: Mitch Johnson, Assistant City Manager
Phone: 373-2002

Topic: **City Business and Privilege License Requirements:** Information on how to obtain a City business and/or privilege license as well as cost information.

Contact: John Rascoe, Tax Collector
Phone: 373-2310

Topic: **City Engineering and Inspections Department:** A general overview of the operation of the Engineering and Inspections Department.

Contact: Steve Kennedy, Director Engineering & Inspections
Phone: 373-2329

Topic: **City Government and Public Administration:** Greensboro City Manager staff is available to talk about municipal government and its operations.

Contact: City Manager's Office
Phone: 373-2002

Topic: **City Traffic Congestion and Safety Program:** An overview of the City of Greensboro's annual program to identify highly congested and accident-prone locations.

Contact: Adam Fischer, Transportation Engineering Manager
Phone: 373-2861

Topic: **Citywide Planning Issues:** Information on planning issues, including development, for the Greensboro area.

Contact: Tom Martin, Planning Director
Phone: 373-2922

Topic: **Coliseum Events and Operations:** Greensboro Coliseum Complex staff is available to talk about daily operations at the coliseum as well as current and upcoming attractions.

Contact: Marc Bush, Public Relations Manager
Phone: 373-7412

Topic: **Colonial Life, Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Living History:** Information on colonial life in Guilford County and stories from the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Contact: Adrienne Monroy, Director Tannenbaum Historic Park
Phone: 545-5315

Topic: **Community Arts Opportunities:** Information on Livestock Players Musical Theatre, Youtheatre, Greensboro Playwrights' Forum and Greensboro Children's Theatre.

Contact: Stephen D. Hyers, Assistant Director of Drama
Phone: 335-6426

Topic: **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT):** Information on how to get your neighborhood involved in disaster training with preparation information, fire prevention and emergency medical care.

Contact: Steve Marks, Asst. Coordinator Greensboro/Guilford County Emergency Management
Phone: 373-2278

Topic: **Comprehensive Planning:** Greensboro's Comprehensive Planner will discuss the status of Greensboro's first Comprehensive Plan and how you can be involved.
Contact: Heidi Galanti, Comprehensive Planner
Phone: 574-3576

Topic: **Construction Drawing Review Process and Requirements:** Review construction plans for City of Greensboro and Guilford County to meet design specifications.
Contact: Kenny Carroll, Engineering Plan Review Coordinator
Phone: 373-2052

Topic: **Construction Project Overview:** A general overview of the process used by the Engineering Division to complete a project.
Contact: Lanny Rhew, Operations Engineer
Phone: 373-2920

Topic: **Demographics and Development Trends:** Information on growth and changes in Greensboro's population, housing, etc.
Contact: Art Davis, Planning Research Manager
Phone: 373-2761

Topic: **Downtown Parking:** A general overview of the Greensboro Department of Transportation's Parking program for the Central Business District including parking decks, surface lots, and on-street and off-street metered parking.
Contact: Robin Davenport, Parking Operations Manager
Phone: 373-2156

Topic: **East Market Street Corridor:** Information on the history of the East Market Street area, its significance to Greensboro, elements of the community plan for revitalizing the area and status of improvements.
Contact: Sue Schwartz, Community Planner
Phone: 373-2149

Topic: **Educating the Pedestrian (Ed the Ped):** Raising the awareness level of pedestrian and bicycle safety along streets and trails. Target areas are schools, neighborhoods and park facilities.
Contact: Craig McKinney, Transportation Systems Planner
Phone: 373-4184

Topic: **Electrical Inspections:** Information concerning building code requirements pertaining to the electrical trade.
Contact: Mickey Shuskey, Chief Electrical Inspector
Phone: 373-2040

Topic: **Emergency Preparedness:** Information on developing family emergency plans and emergency supply kits.
Contact: Steve Marks, Asst. Coordinator Greensboro/Guilford County Emergency Management
Phone: 373-2278

Topic: **Engineering Document Management & GIS:** Information concerning the management and storage of engineering drawings, documents, etc., using the Geographic Information System (GIS).
Contact: Calvin Foster, Engineering Records Supervisor
Phone: 373-2876

Topic: **Environmental Regulatory Compliance:** Information for local industries regarding compliance with environmental regulations.
Contact: Debbie Meurs, Environmental Compliance Specialist
Phone: 373-2167

Topic: **Fair Housing:** Staff with the City's Human Relations Office are available to talk about your rights as a renter and homebuyer.
Contact: Human Relations
Phone: 373-2038

Topic: **Fire Safety for Businesses:** Includes fire extinguisher instruction and/or general fire safety presentations.
Contact: Leslie Lippa, Assistant to the Chief and Community Liaison
Phone: 574-4088

Topic: **Fire Safety for Children:** Includes your choice of programs: Fire Safety House program (1st grade only), Risk Watch program (4th grade only), puppet shows, fire safety/911 instruction, fire safety coloring books, EDITH (Exit Drills in the Home), preschooler fire safety and visits with "Flame" the Fire Prevention Clown.

Contact: Mitzi Rice, Fire and Life Safety Educator (Flame and Puppet shows)

Phone: 373-2177

Contact: Leslie Lippa, Assistant to the Chief and Community Liaison (all other programs)

Phone: 574-4088

Topic: **Fire Safety for Citizens:** Includes your choice of programs: blood pressure checks, fire extinguisher instruction, home safety checklist, general fire safety presentations, equipment displays, carbon monoxide checks, seasonal safety tips, smoke detector placement with battery replacement as needed.

Contact: Leslie Lippa, Assistant to the Chief and Community Liaison

Phone: 574-4088

Topic: **Fire Safety for Senior Citizens:** Includes your choice of programs: blood pressure checks, extended care fire escape plans, fire and life safety instruction for people with special needs.

Contact: Leslie Lippa, Assistant to the Chief and Community Liaison

Phone: 574-4088

Topic: **GDOT Operations Services Overview:** The GDOT Operations Division is composed of street maintenance, stormwater maintenance, street cleaning, signs and markings and traffic signals. This group also provides loose leaf collections, snow & ice removal and pavement evaluation.

Contact: Dale Wyrick, Transportation Operations Manager

Phone: 373-2783

Topic: **Grant Programs:** Information about neighborhood development and human service grant programs, and the work of the Community Resource Board.

Contact: Gwen Torain, Community Planner

Phone: 373-2993

Topic: **Greensboro Affordable Home Loan Initiative:** Information on Greensboro's Affordable Home Loan Initiative (GAHLI) that provides homebuyer counseling, education and financial assistance to low-income first-time homebuyers.

Contact: Rhonda Enoch, Housing Counselor

Phone: 373-4147

Topic: **Greensboro Beautiful, Inc.:** Information on ways to conserve and enhance the beauty and ecology of our community.

Contact: Kathy Cates, City Beautiful Director

Phone: 373-2967

Topic: **Greensboro Historical Museum:** Information on archives, preserving family treasures and The Martin's Studio Photographic Exhibit

Contact: Stephen Catlett, Archivist

Phone: 373-2976

Topic: **Greensboro Historical Museum:** Information on the storage and care of heirlooms.

Contact: Susan Webster, Registrar/Curator

Phone: 373-2479

Topic: **Greensboro Historical Museum: Making History for 75 Years:** Information on the history and activities of the Historical Museum.

Contact: Linda Evans, Public Relations Coordinator

Phone: 373-2610

Topic: **Greensboro Historical Museum: The Past, Present and Future and The John Murphy Civil War Collection and Exhibit**

Contact: Bill Moore, Director of the Museum

Phone: 373-2982

Topic: **Greensboro History:** Features programs on Greensboro Churches from 1808 - 1958 and Greensboro neighborhoods.

Contact: Gayle Fripp, Assistant Director of the Museum

Phone: 373-2971

Topic: **Greensboro Public Library:** Its role in building a strong community and the changing role of the public library in the 21st century.

Contact: Robin Toler, Executive Secretary

Phone: 373-2475

Topic: **Greensboro Public Library:** Global Greensboro: Immigrants and refugees in Greensboro and becoming an English-as-a-Second-Language Teacher.
Contact: Lena Gonzalez, MultiCultural Services Coordinator
Phone: 297-5000

Topic: **Greensboro Public Library:** How the Library can provide the information to make your non-profit more effective and the Greensboro Center for Neighborhood Information: making your neighborhood stronger.
Contact: Wanda Phifer, Non-Profit Resource Center Coordinator
Steve Sumerford, Assistant Director (Community Resource Center)
Phone: 297-5000

Topic: **Greensboro Public Library:** Information on the North Carolina Collection, featuring books about North Carolina as well as NC and Guilford County fiction authors.
Contact: Helen Snow, North Carolina Librarian
Phone: 373-2706

Topic: **Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA):** A general overview of Greensboro's public transit system including future service enhancements and an update on the Multi-Modal Transportation and Community Center.
Contact: Libby James, Public Transportation Services Division Manager
Phone: 373-2820

Topic: **Historic Preservation:** Information on the City's Historic District Program and other information about preserving historic or architecturally significant buildings and neighborhoods.
Contact: Mike Cowhig, Community Planner
Phone: 373-2349

Topic: **HOPE VI:** Information and updates on the HOPE VI revitalization program for Morningside Homes and the surrounding Lincoln Grove area.
Contact: Dyan Arkin, Community Development Specialist
Phone: 433-7377

Topic: **Household Hazardous Waste:** Information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center and products that are considered hazardous as well as hazardous waste management regulations and options.
Contact: Debbie Meurs, Environmental Compliance Specialist
Phone: 373-2167

Topic: **Housing Rehabilitation and Repair Program:** Information on rehab and repair for both homeowners and renters.
Contact: Bill Black, Housing Rehabilitation Supervisor
Phone: 373-2754

Topic: **Intelligent Transportation Systems:** Review of how the City of Greensboro uses various types of technology to provide traffic information and solve transportation problems.
Contact: Adam Fischer, Transportation Engineering Manager
Phone: 373-2861

Topic: **Legal Powers and Restrictions of Municipal Government:** City of Greensboro attorneys will provide an overview of municipal government powers and restrictions.
Contact: City Legal Office
Phone: 373-2320

Topic: **Local Ordinance Enforcement:** Information concerning the enforcement of all local ordinances enacted by the City Council of Greensboro in the areas of housing, vacant lots and abandoned motor vehicles.
Contact: Danny Nall, Superintendent Local Ordinance Enforcement
Phone: 373-2844

Topic: **Long Range Transportation Plan:** Do you want to see what transportation will be like in 2025? Take a look at this plan, see how it is developed and maintained, and why it is so important to our community.
Contact: Tyler Meyer, Transportation Planning Manager
Phone: 373-2254

Topic: **Mechanical & Plumbing Inspections:** Information concerning building code requirements pertaining to mechanical and plumbing trades.
Contact: Alan Jones, Acting Chief Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector
Phone: 373-2428

Topic: **Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program (MWBE):** Information on the City's Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program and how to become a member.

Contact: MWBE

Phone: 373-2674

Topic: **Parks and Recreation:** Learn about Parks and Recreation activities and services.

Contact: Laurie Thore, Marketing Director

Phone: 373-2947

Topic: **Police:** The Greensboro Police Department offers a wide variety of speaker topics for all ages including information on crime prevention, crimestoppers, community watch, drug awareness, stranger safety, bike safety, common sense self defense, safety for seniors, etc. Many of these programs can be tailored for businesses, homes or schools.

Contact: Anne Gregory, Director of Public Affairs

Phone: 373-2636

Topic: **Recycling:** Speakers are available to discuss residential, business and commercial recycling opportunities.

Contact: Wayne Turner, Waste Reduction Superintendent, 373-2035
Nancy Jimerson, Waste Reduction Inspection Crew Leader, 373-2342
Waste Reduction Inspectors: Brenda Zeigler, 373-2346; Joseph Armstrong, 373-2260; Gail Pike, 373-2640; Sam Apple, 373-4113

Topic: **Regional Transportation Planning:** Information on regional projects and an overview of the activities of the newly created Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART).

Contacts: Jim Westmoreland, Director of Transportation

Phones: 373-2863

Topic: **Residential and Commercial Plans Examination:** Information concerning building code requirements, building code changes and building permits.

Contact: Ray Adams, Building Plans Examiner

Phone: 373-2831

Topic: **Severe Weather Planning and Safety:** How to prepare for severe weather and be safe.

Contact: Steve Marks, Asst. Coordinator Greensboro/Guilford County Emergency Management

Phone: 373-2278

Topic: **Sewer Rehabilitation:** Information on the inspection process to discover sewer defects, methods of rehabilitation for sewers, and new technologies.

Contact: Robbie Bald, Engineering Specialist

Phone: 373-2055

Topic: **Sidewalk & Bicycle Planning:** Information on the plans and planning process for our current and future pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Contact: Craig McKinney, Transportation Systems Planner

Phone: 373-4184

Topic: **Site Plans:** Information on site plan reviews and code amendments.

Contact: Alec MacIntosh, Subdivisions Plans Manager

Phone: 373-2144

Topic: **Southside Neighborhood:** Information on the history of the Southside neighborhood area, its significance to Greensboro, elements of the community plan for revitalizing the area and status of improvements.

Contact: Sue Schwartz, Community Planner

Phone: 373-2149

Topic: **Specialized Community Area Transportation (SCAT):** Information regarding SCAT, GTA's transportation service for persons with disabilities.

Contact: Sharon Smiley, Transportation Planner
Libby James, Public Transportation Services Division Manager

Phone: 373-2182 or 373-2820

Topic: **Stormwater Management Goes Hi-Tech:** Provides an introduction to ongoing stormwater master planning efforts, including how the City has integrated high tech tools to assist in managing our streams and drainage systems. Also features ways that the City is proactively managing our drainage to protect the environment while avoiding new flooding problems.

Contact: Scott Bryant, Manager and Chief Engineer Stormwater Management Division

Phone: 373-2126

Topic: **2001 Stormwater Odyssey:** Information on the newest utility within the City. Provides an introduction to stormwater management, overview of programs and services and an update on current activities and initiatives. Shares a vision of the future and Stormwater's role in the protection of our limited water resources and quality of life.

Contact: Scott Bryant, Manager and Chief Engineer Stormwater Management Division

Phone: 373-2126

Topic: **Stormwater Services:** Speakers are available to discuss a variety of environmental topics related to Greensboro's water resources.

Contact: Annie Hadgkiss, Public Education Program Specialist for Water Resources

Phone: 373-2676

Topic: **Streams and Screams:** Find out what's living in the stream in your backyard. Learn about the water quality in our streams and lakes and about the efforts of Stormwater Management to protect these waters. Learn what you can do to help.

Contact: David Phlegar, Water Quality Supervisor

Phone: 373-2707

Topic: **Street Lighting Process:** Information on the various aspects of street lighting within the city including residential lighting requests, the decorative street lighting process, and thoroughfare lighting.

Contact: Michael Covington, Transportation Engineering Analyst

Phone: 433-7309

Topic: **Traditional Neighborhood Development:** Information on what traditional neighborhoods are, their evolution in the U.S. and how the City's Traditional Neighborhood Ordinance was developed.

Contact: Sue Schwartz, Community Planner

Phone: 373-2149

Topic: **Traffic Impact Study Requirements:** An overview of the City of Greensboro's traffic impact study ordinance and requirements for traffic information with rezoning and site plan submittals.

Contact: Carrie Reeves, Safety & Design Review Engineer

Phone: 373-2810

Topic: **Traffic Signal System:** Information on signal timing and coordination, and how the traffic signal system works.

Contact: Joe Mullinax, Traffic Signal System Manager

Phone: 373-2860

Topic: **Transportation and Air Quality:** Information on how transportation and air quality fit together, how they're regulated, and what it means to you.

Contact: Tyler Meyer, Transportation Planning Manager

Phone: 373-2254

Topic: **Transportation Bond Program Overview:** The City of Greensboro is currently developing a list of transportation improvement projects to meet the overall needs of the community for the next 10 years. This presentation reviews the priorities and costs of these projects.

Contact: Jim Westmoreland, Director of Transportation

Phone: 373-2863

Topic: **Transportation Financing:** Information to help you learn how transportation projects are funded in our area.

Contact: Tyler Meyer, Transportation Planning Manager

Phone: 373-2254

Topic: **Transportation Impact Study Information:** Oversees the growing transportation issues as they relate to the City of Greensboro streets and roadways.

Contact: Adam Fischer, Transportation Engineering Manager

Phone: 373-2861

Topic: **Transportation Planning Process:** What is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and why is it important?

Contact: Tyler Meyer, Transportation Planning Manager

Phone: 373-2254

Topic: **Transportation Project Information:** Information on City and State road projects planned for Greensboro and its Urban Area as well as information on the Greensboro Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan.

Contact: Craig McKinney, Transportation Systems Planner or Tyler Meyer, Transportation Planning Manager

Phone: 373-4184, 373-2254

Topic: **Tree Ordinance and Enforcement:** Greensboro's Urban Forester will speak about the tree ordinance and its enforcement.
Contact: Melissa Begley, Urban Forestry Specialist
Phone: 373-2150

Topic: **Wastewater Treatment:** Wastewater treatment methods including sludge treatment, PLC Control Systems, and related stream issues.
Contact: Arthur White, Water Reclamation Manager
Phone: 375-2240, extension 258

Topic: **Wastewater Treatment Processes:** Learn about the life of a drop of water in Greensboro, Federal regulations regarding the Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program, Greensboro Sewer Use Ordinance Requirements, enforcement procedures, what you can and cannot discharge to sanitary sewer, and the Pretreatment Permitting process in Greensboro.
Contact: Martie Groome, Laboratory and Industrial Waste Section Supervisor
Phone: 375-2240, extension 226

Topic: **Water Distribution and Collection Systems:** Greensboro's water distribution and collection system and related information.
Contact: Richard Huffman, Engineering and Maintenance Manager
Phone: 373-2055

Topic: **Water Resources and Water Conservation:** Information on Greensboro's water supply and how you can save water.
Contact: Kristine Williams, Water Conservation Program Coordinator
Andrea Turner, Public Information Coordinator for Water Resources
Phone: 335-5459 or 373-2285

Topic: **Water Resources Construction and Maintenance:** Learn about sewer overflows, water main breaks, laterals, water right-of-ways and easements, and construction and maintenance operations.
Contact: Jerry Peacock, Water Resources Coordinator
Phone: 373-2840

Topic: **Water Supply and Production:** A water overview featuring information on Capital Improvement Projects, future regulatory issues for water treatment, distribution system operation, new technologies, and plant infrastructure maintenance.
Contact: Steve Drew, Assistant Water Supply Manager
Phone: 373-5855

Topic: **Water Treatment and Water Supply:** How Greensboro's water treatment plants work and the status of our water supply.
Contact: Jim Moorefield, Water Supply Manager
Phone: 373-5855

Topic: **Zoning and Enforcement:** Information about zoning and enforcement matters and code amendments for Greensboro.
Contact: Bill Ruska, Zoning Administrator
Phone: 373-2748

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